

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

February 21, 2024
3 pm

Hope Lutheran Chapel

5709 Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach, MO 65065
Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

10 a.m. Indoor Communion Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Fellowship
11:20 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

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WE WELCOME you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are invited to open your heart to God's Word in Scripture, Sermon, and Song. Please sign our Record of Fellowship when passed during the Offering and introduce yourself to our Pastor upon leaving. **You are Always welcome here – this is your Father's House!** As we worship, we stand for some parts of the Liturgy. However, please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

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Prelude

Opening Hymn ~ *I Lay My Sins on Jesus*

LSB 606

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus
To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious
Till not a spot remains.
- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus;
All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases;
My soul He does redeem.

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- I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases;
He all my sorrows shares.
- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces;
I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes
His name abroad is poured.

Stand

Opening Versicles (use Lent responses)

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- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
- C** slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.
- L** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
- C** let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
- L** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
- C** He was bruised for our iniquities.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle Hymn - *All You Works of God, Bless the Lord*

LSB 930

- 1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!
All you angels, now bless the Lord;
Come, you heavens and pow'rs that be,
Praise the Lord and His majesty: Refrain

ref Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,
All you works of God, bless the Lord!
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,
All you works of God, bless the Lord!

2 Sing, you sun and you moon above,
Stars of heaven, now sing His love;
Dew and showers, you winds that blow,
Heat and fire, you ice and snow: Refrain

3 Frost of winter with song so cold,
Dews of summer, your song unfold;
Light and darkness, you day and night,
Clouds of thunder, you lightnings bright: Refrain

4 Hills and mountains, now sing His worth,
All you green things that grow on earth;
Seas and rivers, you springs and wells,
Beasts and cattle, you birds and whales: Refrain

5 Come, humanity, sing along,
Sing, you people of God, a song;
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,
Join, you spirits and souls at rest: Refrain

△6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;
All you humble, His praise impart;
God the Father and Son adore,
Bless the Spirit forevermore! Refrain

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 4:1-16

The man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and had a child by the name of Cain; and she said, "I have gotten a man, the LORD." Then she had another child, Abel, Cain's brother. Abel grew up to be the shepherd of a flock, but Cain became a man who worked the ground. After some time Cain brought some products of the ground and made an offering to the LORD. And Abel also *brought* some firstborn animals of his flock, especially some of the fat pieces. *The LORD* looked kindly at Abel and *his offering*; but He didn't look kindly at Cain and his offering. Then Cain got very angry and wouldn't look up. "Why are you angry," God asked Cain, "and why are you looking down? Isn't it true that if you do right you are accepted? But if you don't do right, sin is crouching at your door and wants to get you; but you should control it."

Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go outside." While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD asked Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he answered. "Should I watch over my brother?" "What did you do?" He asked. "Your brother's blood is *crying to Me* from the ground. And now you are cursed and must leave the ground that has opened its mouth to drink your brother's blood dropping from your hands. When you work the ground, it will no longer give you what it can produce. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth." "My

punishment is more than I can stand," Cain told the LORD. "Today You are driving me from the land, and I must hide from You and be a restless wanderer on the earth, and anyone who finds me can kill me."

The LORD told him, "No, anyone who kills Cain will be punished seven times." And the LORD put a mark on Cain to keep anyone who met him from killing him. Cain went away from the LORD and lived in the land of Nod [Wandering], east of Eden.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 3:11-16

This is the message you have heard from the beginning: Love one another. Don't be like Cain. He was a son of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because he did wrong and his brother did right. Don't be surprised, fellow Christians, if the world hates you. We know we have come from death into life, because we love our fellow Christians. Anyone who doesn't love stays dead. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has everlasting life remaining in him. This is how we learned what love is: He gave His life for us. We, too, should give our lives for our fellow Christians.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL LESSON

John 8:39-47

"Abraham is our father," they answered Him.

"If you were Abraham's children," Jesus told them, "you would do what Abraham did. But now you want to kill Me, a Man Who told you the truth, which I heard from God. Abraham didn't do that. You're doing what your father does."

"We weren't born outside of marriage," they said. "God alone is our Father."

"If God were your Father," Jesus told them, "you would love Me because I came from God, and as such I am here. I did not by Myself decide to come, but He sent Me. Why don't you understand what I say? Because you can't listen to what I tell you. Your father is the devil, and you want to do what your father wants.

From the beginning he has been murdering people and hasn't stood in the truth, because there's no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he's telling it from his heart, because he's a liar and the father of lies. Now, because I tell the truth, you don't believe Me. Which of you can prove Me guilty of a sin? If I tell the truth, why don't you believe Me? A child of God listens to what God says. You don't listen to Him because you're not God's children."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10; antiphon: v. 14

P To you, O LORD,

C I lift up my soul.

P O my God, in you I trust;

C let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

P Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
C they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

P Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
C teach me your paths.

P Lead me in your truth and teach me,
C for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

P Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
C for they have been from of old.

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
C according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

P Good and upright is the LORD;
C therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

P He leads the humble in what is right,
C and teaches the humble his way.

P All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
C for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**All Recite: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him
C And he makes known to them his covenant

RESPONSORY (use Lent responses)

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P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the
people.

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the
people.

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the
people.

Stand

CATECHISM

- ☐ You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

- ☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- ☐ Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Sit

SERMON

Hymn ~ *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

LSB 423

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn-encircled brow?

Yet Your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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Prayers *Respond to partitions with Amen.*

Collects

P O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take

them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Afternoon Prayer

P Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray You so to guide and govern us by Your Word and Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget You but remember that we are ever walking in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Canticle Hymn ~ *In Peace and Joy I Now Depart*

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1 In peace and joy I now depart
Since God so wills it.
Serene and confident my heart;
Stillness fills it.
For the Lord has promised me
That death is but a slumber.

3 You sent the people of the earth
Their great salvation;
Your invitation summons forth
Ev'ry nation
By Your holy, precious Word,
In ev'ry place resounding.

2 Christ Jesus brought this gift to me,
My faithful Savior,
Whom You have made my eyes to see
By Your favor.
Now I know He is my life,
My friend when I am dying.

4 Christ is the hope and saving light
Of those in blindness;
He guides and comforts those in night
By His kindness.
For Your people Israel
In Him find joy and glory.

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

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